



**The Jewel Beetle *Melanophila cuspidata*
(Klug, 1829), the First Record
(Coleoptera, Buprestidae) from Ukraine**

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Fig. 1. *Melanophila cuspidata*, habitus ♀
(apical teeth of elytra broken off).

Five species of the genus *Melanophila* (Coleoptera, Buprestidae) are known from Palaearctic Region and only two species occur in Europe: a Holarctic *M. acuminata* (De Geer, 1774) found in both mixed and deciduous forest zones and in the Carpathians in Ukraine (by literature data it is known from all natural territories of the country) (Prokhorov, 2010) and *M. cuspidata* (Klug, 1829) widespread in the Mediterranean countries (South Europe and Northern Africa) and also in Southern and Middle Asia (Kubáň, 2016). It is collected recently in the south of the Steppe Zone and recorded for the first time from Ukraine. The specimen (Fig. 1) is deposited in the I. I. Schmalhauzen Institute of Zoology, Kyiv collection.

Material examined. Ukraine: Kherson Region, Golaya Pristan District, Black Sea Biosphere Reserve, "Potiivka" (6 km NW Zaliznyi Port), 4.08.2015, 1 ♀ (M. Zaika).

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